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Before undertaking the examination of the above noted application, Applicant hereby requests the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

22. (NEW) A method of electrically logging a subterranean well, the method comprising:

a) drilling the subterranean well with an invert emulsion drilling fluid, wherein said fluid includes: an oleaginous fluid; a non-oleaginous fluid; and an amine surfactant having the structure

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